

Lancashire Local Access Forum

11th July 2023

Comments on Terms of Reference

- Remove the Countryside Agency from the membership and possibly replace with Defra.
- Attendance – I recognise that many people will have missed more than 2 meetings so there needs to be either a rethink of membership or a note for dispensation.
- Substitute members – may have a lack of grasp of the issues.
- Terms of Reference seem fine. To echo the point around attendance, I've not been able to attend many meetings given the fact that I look after the whole of the North West and not just Lancashire. Noting the point around substitutes, it would be good, from a National Farmers Union perspective, if the option to attend could be shared between 2 or 3 people who could attend rather than just myself, which should hopefully mean that we would be more regularly represented at the forum.
- Consequences of Terms of Reference not being adhered to - e.g. we can't get a balance of members. Getting landowners committed to improving access is difficult.